

REMARKS

Claims 3-19, 21-24 and 27-31 are pending in this application, of which claim 18 has been amended. No new claims have been added.


The amendment to claim 18 contained in our previous response should not be entered because it was not based on a current version of that claim. Instead, claim 18 should be amended in the manner contained herein.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 3-19, 21-24 and 27-31, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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